





SEASONS GREETINGS

At this Holiday Season, we wish to

Remember our good friends with

Especially warm wishes for good health

And happiness as well as a

Very Prosperous New Year

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

IN PURSUIT OF HEALTH CONSUMER CITIZENSHIP

The Thirty-two Southern Californians who agreed to meet had more in common than an interest in health education. Each had testified, last January, at the L. A. hearing held by the President's Committee on Health Education; all wondered why some action couldn't be taken on a more local basis.

The group, composed of representatives of public and consumer organizations, and health officials and educators, had been invited, early in 1972, to tell the President's Committee what education they thought would best help every American to achieve and maintain a reasonable level of health. Special interest was indicated in programs involved in specific action; in habit or attitude changing; support for community action; education which leads people to know when to consult their physician, especially at the early stages of serious disease; and community health, planning, and the development of health facilities and services.

On Nov. 28, after an opening address by Leon Miller of COMP-LA, a list of health education problems identified at the original hearing was discussed in three workshops. (A) consumer needs; (B) provider health education needs; and (C) organization/administration/funding needs. There was visible reluctance to leave unexplored the many possibilities for action that were presented, and a committee was formed to consider whether a formal organization should be created, and what its goals and activities might be. Named for this task are: Al Torribio (Assoc. Coordinator, Area IV RMP) who has been asked to act as Chairman; Rev. Emmett Sarracino (Administrator of the American Indian Free Clinic); Dr. Jack Tomey, (Chairman, Health Sciences Dept., Cal State College, Long Beach); Peter Cortese, (Project Coordinator for SEARCH) and Vera Saucedo, consumer representative from East Los Angeles.

Conveners of the Nov. 28 meeting were Dr. Petit of AREA V, Dr. Edward B. Johns, Professor of Health Education, UCLA, Joy G. Cauffman, PhD, member of the President's Committee, and Vera Saucedo.

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The Chinese Community Free Clinic, Inc. which began operating as a dental clinic in November, will be open every other Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first Clinic session treated 16 children, most of whom were provided transportation. Dental services for the underserved members of the L.A. Chinese community are the Clinic's first undertaking, with comprehensive medical services as the ultimate goal. The Clinic seeks to alleviate some of the major health problems caused by the influx of more than twenty thousand Chinese immigrants into the Los Angeles area. It has received seed money from AREA V, as well as staff support from Gail M. White. The Clinic, located at 3000 Ramona Road in Alhambra, is coordinated by Wai Chow Leon, pastor of the Seventh-Day Adventist Chinese Church.

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The California Regional Kidney Disease Program invites the participation of individuals, organizations, community groups or institutions in submitting proposals that might improve the status of health for kidney diseased patients in California. A document outlining the methods involved in developing a proposal and an overview of activities to date may be obtained by calling Leon C. Hauck at 576-1626.

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The Older Residents' Integrated Health Care Program, East L.A., an AREA V-supported project, is looking for a Senior Medical Social Worker. Salary range is from \$1,131-\$1,260 per month, depending upon qualifications. For further information, contact Robert Beckler, L.A. County Health Dept., 625-3212, ext. 343.

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The ECF Education Project Steering Committee

reports that enrollment in the "Team Approach to Patient Management" courses shows a marked increase in registration of nursing home administrators and corresponding decline in the registration of nursing directors. To date, 9 sessions have been conducted with 299 administrators as opposed to 123 nursing directors attending. Since the course is designed for both the administrator and director of nursing emphasizing development of complementary management tools unique to the nursing home environment, administrators who have taken the course are being urged to send their nursing directors to one of the upcoming sessions. Courses are scheduled for January 9-March 13 at Long Beach, January 17-March 21 in Claremont and January 25-29 in Thousand Oaks. For further information, contact Mrs. Swaryck at (213) 825-0631.

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It has long been known...

(I didn't look up the original reference.)

A definite trend is evident...

(These data are practically meaningless.)

Of great theoretical and practical importance...

(Interesting to me.)

While it has not been possible to provide definite answers to these questions...

(An unsuccessful experiment, but I still hope to get it published.)

Three of the samples were chosen for detailed study...

(The results of the others didn't make any sense.)

Typical results are shown...

(The best results are shown.)

These results will be shown in a subsequent report...

(I might get around to this sometime if I'm pushed.)

It is believed that...

(I think.)

It is generally believed that...

(A couple of other guys think so too.)

It is clear that much additional work will be required before a complete understanding of the phenomena occurs...

(I don't understand it.)

Correct within an order of magnitude...

(Wrong.)

It is hoped that this study will stimulate further investigation in this field...

(This is a lousy paper, but so are all others on this miserable topic.)

Thanks are due to Joe Blotz for assistance with the experiment and to George Frink for valuable discussions...

(Blotz did the work and Frink explained to me what it meant.)

A careful analysis of obtainable data...

(Three pages of notes were obliterated when I knocked over a glass of beer.)

A statistically oriented projection of the significance of these findings...

(Wild guess.)

We need a Task Force...

(I don't know what else to do with the problem.)

A highly significant area for exploratory study...

(A totally useless topic selected by my committee.)

Mrs. Vera Saucedo will be AREA V's consumer representative on the Coordinating Council of the Emergency Medical Services System Development Project--the cooperative effort of RMP Areas IV, V, and IX to improve the delivery of emergency medical care in L.A. County. Mrs. Saucedo has been active in community health organizations in East Los Angeles, particularly the Children and Youth Parent Corporation.

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"Advanced Electrocardiography and Arrhythmias for Nurses," a course designed for the experienced cardiovascular nurse is scheduled for Jan. 29 and 30, 1973, at USC School of Medicine. Sponsored by USC School of Medicine and Institute of Continuing Education, LAC/USC Medical Center, the tuition is \$45. Call 225-1511, ext. 463 for details.

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Take notice: The Greater Inland Empire Feasibility Project is now officially called "The Pomona Valley Health Services Educational Activity." The name change is intended to identify more accurately the territory included in the scope of the project, which is administered by the Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Claremont Graduate School.

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Some AREA V people have been participating in a number of sessions called "Hospital Community Relations--a Discovery in Styles" coordinated by Joint Health Venture, and taking place on Thursday afternoons from Oct. 12 to Dec. 7. Reverend Emmett Sarracino, Administrator of the American Indian Free Clinic, is a member of the panel for "The Role of the Hospital in the Community"; Liston A. Witherill, (former Chairman, Area V Advisory Council,) is invited to participate in "Planning for Hospitals"; Michael Wood (President of the Southern California Council of Free Clinics) is on the program for "Styles in Volunteerism"; and the Minority Retention Program (funded through AREA V, operated by the East L. A. Health Task Force) is listed as one of the field trips in "Styles in Manpower Development."

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The National Urban Health Conference is now rescheduled for May 13-16, 1973, in Chicago reports Teresita Moreno of AREA V staff, who happens to be a member of both state and national planning committees on urban health. Some of the issues to be on the agenda are urban methodology, review and comment role, and revenue sharing. Dr. Harold Margulies, Director of RMPS, has described the forthcoming conference as an educational experience for Regional Medical Programs, not for consumers, and has specified that while recommendations may influence future policy, the conference will not formulate policy.

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